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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR LEVERAGING PROCUREMENT ACROSS COMPANIES AND COMPANY GROUPS

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**Application Elements**

01. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
02. ☒ Specification having 38 pages and including the following:
  - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - b. ☐ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
  - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)
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  - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
  - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
  - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings (if drawings filed)
  - h. ☒ Detailed Description
  - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure
03. ☒ Drawing(s) when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
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**Application Elements (Continued)**04. ☒ Oath or Declaration

- a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy) ☐ Not executed
- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional application only)*
- c. ☒ With Power of Attorney ☐ Without Power of Attorney

05. ☐ Incorporation By Reference *(usable if box 4b is checked)*

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Item 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

06. ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche *(Appendix)*07. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission *(if applicable, all must be included)*

- a. ☐ Paper Copy
- b. ☐ Computer Readable Copy *(identical to computer copy)*
- c. ☐ Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

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15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) *(if foreign priority is claimed)*

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16. ☐ Additional Enclosures (identify below)
17. ☐ Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

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